10-14-04

1LW

Express Mail Label No.

Docket No.: 09868/000M893-US0

(PATENT)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:

Shiro Majima et al.

Application No.: 10/658,086

Confirmation No.: N/A

Filed: September 9, 2003

Art Unit: N/A

For: GAME MACHINE

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (IDS)

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached PTO/SB/08. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

This Information Disclosure Statement is filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits as far as is known to the undersigned (37 CFR 1.97(b)(3)).

Pursuant to the Notice issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office dated July 11, 2003 waiving the requirements of 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2)(i), a copy of United States Patent on PTO/SB/08A is not submitted.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.97(g), the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed to mean that a search has been made or that no other material information as

Application No.: 10/658,086 2 Docket No.: 09868/000M893-US0

defined in 37 CFR 1.56(a) exists. In accordance with 37 CFR 1.97(h), the filing of this Information Disclosure statement shall not be construed to be an admission that any patent, publication or other information referred to therein is "prior art" for this invention unless specifically designated as such.

It is submitted that the Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98 and the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the listed references.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency of up to \$300.00 or credit any excess in this fee to Deposit Account No. 04-0100.

Dated: October 12, 2004

Ţ

Respectfully submitted,

Chris L. Mizumoto

Registration No.: 42,899 DARBY & DARBY P.C.

P.O. Box 5257

New York, New York 10150-5257

(212) 527-7700

(212) 753-6237 (Fax)

Attorneys/Agents For Applicants

PTO/SB/08a/b (08-03)
Approved for use through 07/31/2006. OMB 0651-0031
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

k Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449A/B/PTO				Complete if Known		
				Application Number	10/658,086	
IN	IFORMATION	DI	SCLOSURE	Filing Date	September 9, 2003	
S	STATEMENT BY APPLICANT			First Named Inventor	Shiro Majima	
				Art Unit	N/A	
ļ	(Use as many sheets as necessary)			Examiner Name	Not Yet Assigned	
Sheet	1	of	1	Attorney Docket Number	09868/000M893-US0	

			U.S. PA	TENT DOCUMENTS	
Examiner Initials*	Cite No.1	Document Number Number-Kind Code ² (if known)	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
	AA	US-6,203,430	03-20-2001	Walker, et al.	

		FOREIC	SN PATENT I	DOCUMENTS		
Examiner Initials*	Cite No.1	Foreign Patent Document Country Code ³ -Number ⁴ -Kind Code ⁵ (<i>if known</i>)	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T⁵
				1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1		

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. ¹Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ² See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. ³ Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ¹ For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵ Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. ⁵ Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS				
Examiner Initials	Cite No. ¹	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.	T ²	

^{*}EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

(W:\098	
68\000 Considere	1

¹Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ²Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.



Certificate of Express Mailing Under 37 CFR 1.10

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as il, Airbill No.

Ev 367697900 TUS Express Mail, Airbill No.

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Bou	.>			
Signature D Davi 3				
Typed or printed name of person signing Certificate				
Registration Number, if applicable	Telephone Number			

Each paper must have its own certificate of mailing, or this certificate must identify Note: each submitted paper.

Information Disclosure Statement (2 pages) w/ PTO/SB/08a (1 page) Return Receipt Post Card